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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

In the Matter of)	
)	Administrative Action
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RONALD CREECY, D.D.S.)	
)	CONSENT ORDER
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This matter was opened to the New Jersey Board of Dentistry (hereinafter "Board") upon information received from the Department of Banking and Insurance, Division of Insurance Fraud Prevention, that respondent Ronald Creecy, D.D.S. (hereinafter "respondent") billed Prudential Insurance Company for services not rendered to patient B.M. Specifically, respondent billed for an upper partial denture that was never placed in the patient's mouth and the extraction of teeth #6 and #11 when, in fact, these teeth were not extracted by respondent. Additionally, the patient, B.M. was not seen in respondent's dental office for any purpose on the date of service indicated on the Prudential claim form for the upper partial denture and extractions.

Respondent was paid \$408.60 by Prudential for the claims submitted for patient B.M. which were later the subject of the insurance fraud investigation. As a result of the investigation conducted by the Department of Insurance, Fraud Division, respondent reimbursed Prudential the full amount he had received from the insurance company. Reimbursement was not made until approximately one year after respondent initially promised to refund the money he had received for services which were never rendered by him to B.M. Additionally, on July 9, 1997, a Consent Agreement was entered into by the Division of Insurance Fraud Prevention and respondent, pursuant to which respondent paid a civil penalty in the amount of \$4,000.00 for alleged violations of the provisions of N.J.S.A. 17:33A-4.

On July 22, 1998, the Board held an investigative inquiry into the matter. Respondent was present and represented by attorney Patricia Bowen Atkins. Respondent testified that his recollection with respect to his treatment of B.M. and the preparation of insurance forms for this patient is vague because of personal problems he was having several years ago and because all of his records and x-rays regarding this matter were burned in a car fire in or about February, 1997 in Laurel, Maryland. He did state that, with respect to B.M., he never intentionally submitted fraudulent claims to Prudential for the purpose of obtaining payment for services which were not rendered. It now appears that

respondent wishes to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings.

The Board, after review and consideration of the entire record in this matter, and for good cause shown, has determined that the entry of this Order adequately protects the interests of the public. Therefore,

IT IS ON THIS 15th DAY OF March, 2000,

AGREED AND ORDERED THAT:

1. Ronald Creecy, D.D.S., licensed to practice dentistry in the State of New Jersey, shall serve a two year period of probation during which time he shall submit to random audits by the Enforcement Bureau of his patient and billing records as they relate to his requests for insurance reimbursement. These audits shall be conducted at respondent's expense.

2. In the event that an audit reveals any violation of law with respect to patient billing or insurance submissions respondent's license to practice dentistry shall be suspended upon two days notice and an administrative hearing shall be scheduled for the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

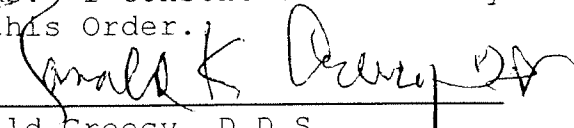
3. Respondent shall pay costs of the investigation in this matter in the amount of \$129.60. Payment for costs shall be made by certified check or money order payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to Agnes M. Clarke, Executive Director, Board of Dentistry, P. O. Box 45005, Sixth Floor, 124 Halsey Street,

Newark, New Jersey 07101, contemporaneously with his signing of this Consent Order.

New Jersey Board of Dentistry


Henry Finger, D.D.S.
President

I have and read and understand the terms of this Consent Order and agree to be bound by its terms. I consent to the entry of this Order.


Ronald Creecy, D.D.S.